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**DISTRICT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 5:30 PM**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNOR LAMONT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER #7B
THIS MEETING WILL BE REMOTE ONLY**

Dial in #: (415)-655-0001; Access Code: 43808661#
[Meeting Video Link](#)

The general public is welcome to call into the meeting. Everyone on the call will need to mute their phone to limit background noise disrupting the meeting.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2020
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS
5. REPORT FROM DISTRICT CHAIRMAN
6. REPORT FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
7. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL
8. DISTRICT CLERK - SERVICE OF TAX WARRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021
9. COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION - CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMMITTEES (January 4, 2021)
10. COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT - CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS (January 4, 2021)
11. BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS- CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: SEWAGE SLUDGE INCINERATORS CONSENT DECREE (POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION) (September 30, 2020)
12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS
13. OTHER BUSINESS
14. ADJOURNMENT

**DISTRICT CLERK
SERVICE OF TAX WARRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021**

To: District Board

January 4, 2021

From: District Clerk

Pursuant to the Charter of the District, Section 3-13, the District Clerk reports that Tax Warrants for Fiscal Year 2021, drawn by the Chairman of The Metropolitan District, in favor of the Treasurer have been served on the following:

Town Clerk, Marguerite Phillips, Bloomfield
Town Clerk, Robert J. Pasek, East Hartford
Town and City Clerk Noel McGregor, Hartford
Town Clerk James Krupienski, Newington
Town Clerk Sandra Merrill Wieleba, Rocky Hill
Town Clerk Essie S. Labrot, West Hartford
Assistant Town Clerk Sue Schroeder, Wethersfield
Town Clerk Anna Posniak, Windsor

Receipts for these tax warrants have been received and are on file in the Office of the District Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMMITTEES

To: District Board
From: Committee on Organization

January 4, 2021

At a meeting of the Committee of Organization held on January 4, 2021, it was:

Voted: That the Committee on Organization recommend to the District Board appointment of the following Commissioners to the following Committees:

Water Bureau

Shubhada Kambli

Committee on MDC Government

Shubhada Kambli

Personnel, Pension & Insurance

Shubhada Kambli

Strategic Planning Committee

Jackie Mandyck

Further

Voted: That the Committee on Organization recommend to the District Board the following modifications to the following Committees:

Strategic Planning Committee

Remove Alphonse Marotta

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS**

To: District Board

January 4, 2021

From: Committee on MDC Government

Over the past year, the firms of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc. (Attorney Brendan Fox), SJB Strategies, LLC (Attorney Steve Bonafonte) and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC (Janice Flemming) have provided exemplary service in the area of government relations and advocacy within state government on behalf of the District, and the same holds true for Squire Patton Boggs (William Schuster) and SJB Strategies, LLC on the federal level. Based upon their collective past performance, and to maintain the necessary level of continuity within the District's legislative and administrative lobbying activities, District staff recommends the reappointment of each of these firms for the 2021 state and federal legislative consultants. The term of these appointments would be from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, subject to Board approval.

Furthermore, in the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends the following annual fees for state legislative/administrative consultants: (1) Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. receive \$60,000.00, (2) SJB Strategies, LLC receive \$20,000.00 and (3) Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC receive \$60,000.00, for a total of \$140,000.00. By moving Gaffney Bennet and Strategic Outreach to \$60,000.00 each, there is a slight increase from the 2020. As such, Gaffney, Bennet will be specifically tasked with providing legal advice on proposed legislation affecting the District, and Strategic Outreach will specifically tasked with an expanded role of improving our outreach to the Black and Hispanic Caucus and explaining and defending the Clean Water Project charge to legislators representing communities and constituents most adversely affected.

On the Federal level, District staff recommends the reappointment of Squire Patton Boggs and SJB Strategies LLC as federal legislative consultants. In the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends the following annual fees for federal legislative/administrative consultants: (1) Squire Patton Boggs receive \$150,000.00; and (2) SJB Strategies, LLC receive \$70,000.00.

At a meeting of the Committee on MDC Government held on January 4, 2021, it was:

Voted: That the Committee on MDC Government recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

Resolved: That the firms of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc., SJB Strategies, LLC and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC be retained to perform state lobbying services for a period commencing on January 1, 2021 and

terminating on December 31, 2021. Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. fee will receive \$60,000.00, SJB Strategies, LLC will receive \$20,000.00, and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC will receive \$60,000.00, subject to the execution of a written agreement prepared and approved by District Counsel as to form and content, reflecting the scope of services, reporting requirements and such other terms and conditions as District Counsel may specify, including those tasks specifically referenced above.

Further

Resolved: That the firms of Squire Patton Boggs and SJB Strategies, LLC be retained to perform federal lobbying services for a period commencing on January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2021. Squire Patton Boggs will receive at \$150,000.00 and SJB Strategies, LLC will receive \$70,000.00, subject to the execution of a written agreement prepared and approved by District Counsel as to form and content, reflecting the scope of services, reporting requirements and such other terms and conditions as District Counsel may specify.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Mirtle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "M".

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk